A 'Go-Kart' Gets Him Around

Two Broken Legs Fail To Keep Businessman In Bed

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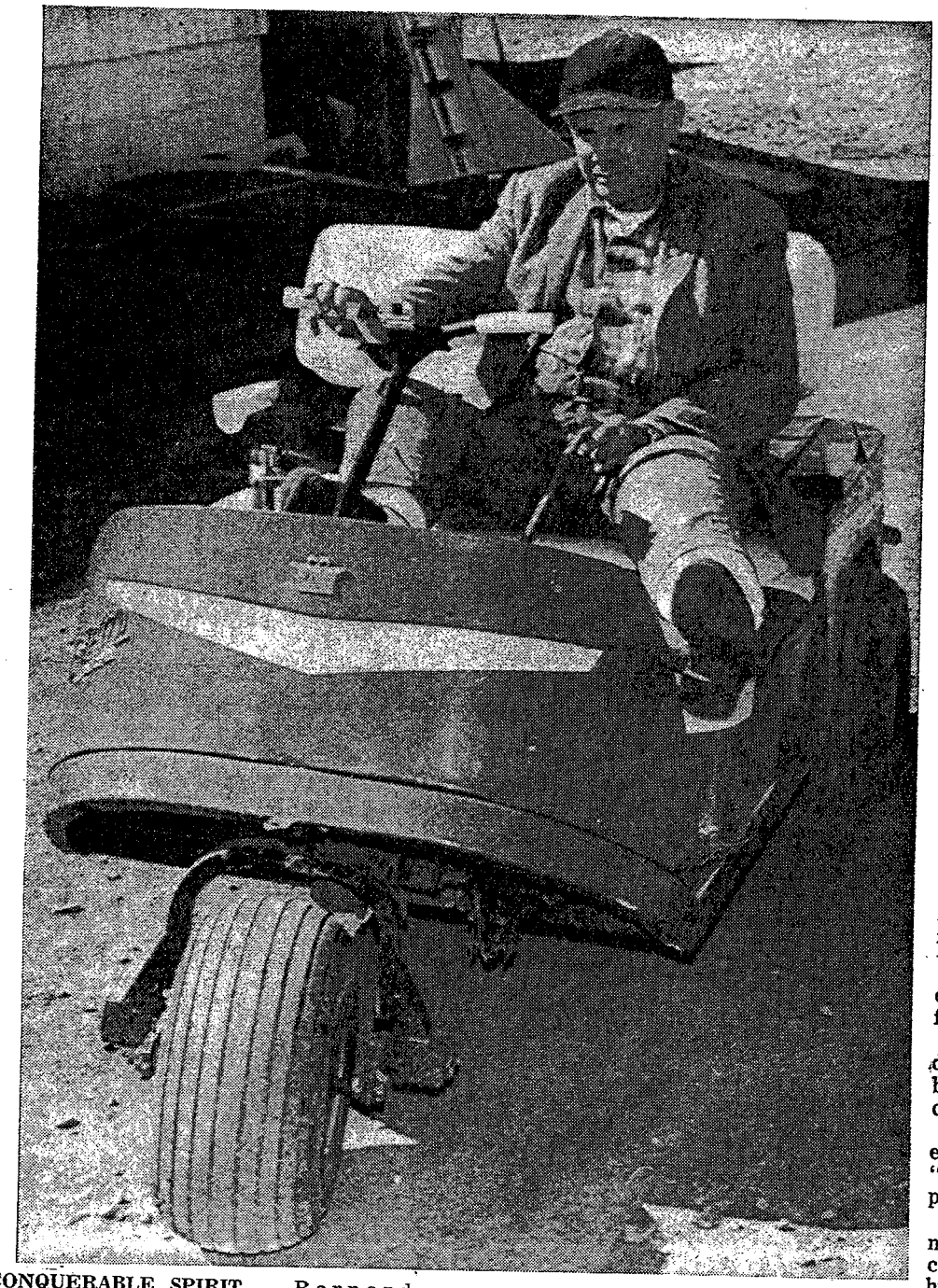

UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT — Bernard Gladhill relaxes for a minute in his golf cart before breezing away to look over his business at The Gladhill Tractor Company, in Frederick. He gets around with the golf cart despite two broken legs which would confine many men to their beds.

Bernard D. Gladhill is a Frederick businessman well on his way to proving the old adage—"you can't keep a good man down."

Gladhill, 56, should know. He broke both legs in a ten-foot fall at the Gladhill Tractor Company, Frederick, a month ago.

Since then he attended the Sept. 23-24 annual convention in Gaithersburg, of the Montgomery County Firemen's Association where he was elected vice president.

He toured the Frederick Fair via golf cart on several occasions last week. He still keeps a personal hand in Gladhill Brothers farm implements at Damascus and Frederick.

He does it all with heavy casts on both legs and in a wheel chair. "It beats staying in bed," he says.

Is he recuperating He says Dr. Robert H. Pilgrim, Frederick, tells him he has another month before he can take the cast off one leg.

Meanwhile: "I'm getting around but I ain't getting around on my feet yet," he said yesterday.

To travel daily to his businesses he utilizes a car which somebody must lift him into since he must place no weight on his legs. Once in Frderick he utilizes a golf cart to move around.

He used two vehicles, the golf cart and a wheel chair, at the fair.

"I try to get out most every day, it's better than staying in bed," says the doughty merchant.

His recuperation isn't at bothering Mrs. Gladhill because "she says she always wanted to push me around, she claims.

The day he attended the firemen's convention a local concern called him to inquire about his convalescence. They were amazed to learn he was out of bed.

The Damascus Fire Company ambulance took him to Gaith-

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ersburg. He is financial manager for the company.

The right leg was factured at the knee and is expected to heal first, he said. The other leg broke at the ankle. One bone of that leg snapped lengthways and another bone shattered in the fall through the roof of his Fredrick firm.

At his age the bonesc knit slowly, something he says Dr. Pilgrim told him.

"He told me that, and I thought I was a boy," he comments with a laugh.